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Heuvelmans department at the zoological museum in Lausanne

Bernard Heuvelmans (figure 1), who is considered the "father" of cryptozoology, has just given all his archives, the result of 50 years of cryptozoological research, to the Musée Cantonal de Zoologie in Lausanne (Switzerland).

Figure 1: Bernard Heuvelmans

The opening of the "Bernard Heuvelmans Department of Cryptozoology", within the zoological museum of Lausanne, as well as the varnishing of the exhibition devoted to cryptozoology (several paintings by Alika Lindberg, Bernard Heuvelmans's ex-wife), took place on 12 October 1999, with Michel Sartori, the director of the museum, and Claude Ruey, the president of the State Council of Vaud.

Heuvelmans's donation to the Swiss museum represents a cryptozoological fund of a considerable richness:

- 1000 books.
- 100 archive boxes (about 25 000 pages of documents).
- 12 000 slides.
- 25 000 photographs.
- numerous cryptozoological magazines.
- anatomical pieces: tusks of the pygmy elephant, plaster casts of sasquatch footprints, etc.

All the cryptozoologists will be happy that this huge mass of documents has not been lost, but on the contrary that it is now at the disposal of the researchers. But they will feel sad, also, as it means that Bernard Heuvelmans, now 83 years old, is no more active in cryptozoology.

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The web site of the Musée Cantonal de Zoologie in Lausanne has several web pages on this event
http://www.lausanne.ch/musees/zool/cryptozoologie/default.htm

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